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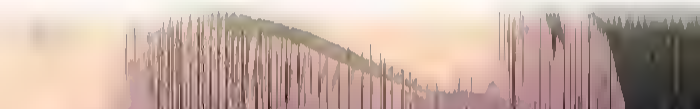

BUT YOU STUDIED SO HARD FOR THE PROMOTION TEST!?
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HOW COULD YOU BE THE ONLY ONE WHO DIDN'T GET PROMOTED AMONG YOUR COLLEAGUES-?
WHAT KIND OF A MAN

ALL OF THE PICTURES OF YOU ALONE
THAT FILL THIS ROOM.

IF CHILDREN ARE TO KNOW THEIR OWN SELVES
THEY NEED THE PARENTS AS A MIRROR

HOW'D IT GO, HONEY-?
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE PROMOTED THIS TIME AREN'T YOU?

BY JONGBEOM LEE

THE EMPTY MAN (11)

SON-
HOW'S STUDYING GOING FOR THE MOCK TEST COMING UP?
ONCE YOU GO TO A GOOD UNIVERSITY, EVERYTHING'LL GET EASIER

TAP-

BUT IN A CASE LIKE YOURS

WHERE YOU DID NOT RECEIVE SYMPATHY FROM YOUR PARENTS

MOM,
I WAS THE FIRST IN MY CLASS ON THE MATH TEST-

WHAT DO I WANT TO DO?

JEONGHYUK, HOW ABOUT YOU STOP THE ART ACADEMY THIS WEEK
AND START MATH TUTORING NEXT MONTH?
YOU'VE GOT TO START NOW SO THAT YOU WON'T FALL BEHIND IN MIDDLE SCHOOL
...OKAY
BUT THE TEACHER COMPLIMENTED ME...

I MIGHT BE DOING A SCIENCE DEBATE IN SCHOOL
THE ONLY PERSON FROM LIBERAL ARTS CLASSES -
IS THAT GONNA HELP YOU GET IN TO UNIVERSITY?

WHY AM I DOING THIS?

TO BE CONTINUED

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WERE ALL JUST
PEOPLE WHO YOU WANTED
TO SYMPATHIZE WITH
INSTEAD OF YOUR PARENTS.

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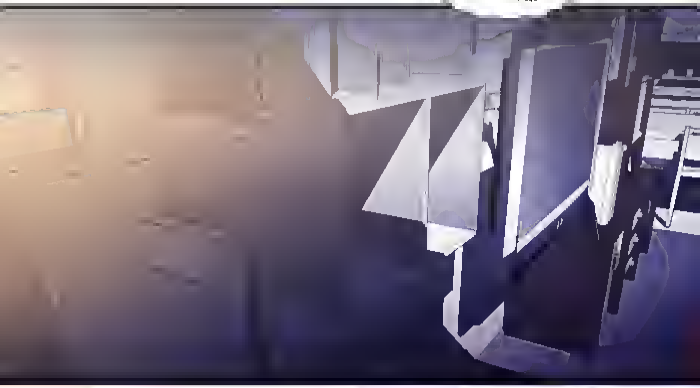
SNIFFLE...
SOB...



IS IT REALLY OKAY TO DECIDE ON A MAJOR LIKE THIS WITHOUT EVEN LOOKING AROUND?

I DIDN'T WANNA GO TO THIS ACADEMY- I WANTED TO GO TO THE ONE WITH THAT GIRL I LIKE

WHAT KIND OF PERSON WILL I BECOME LATER?

WHAT CAN I DO?

DO I REALLY HAVE TO GO TO A GOOD SCHOOL?

I LIKE MUSIC SO WHY CAN'T I LISTEN TO THE RADIO WHILE I STUDY?

I FEEL SORRY FOR DAD

CAN I REALLY DO WHATEVER I WANT IF I GO TO

HAVEN'T I EVER WANTED TO PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?

I'M ACTUALLY PRETTY TIMID

WHEN DO I FEEL HAPPY OR ANGRY?

THERE'S SOMETHING DIFFERENT ABOUT HER

WHAT ANIMAL AM I LIKE? A BEAR? WOLF? LION? I WISH I WERE A TIGER

I LIKE THAT GIRL, DON'T I?

WHY DO I WANT TO BECOME TH

DION'T I WANT TO LEARN PHOTOGRAPHY?

HOW CAN YOU KNOW IF YOU'VE NEVER TRIED?

I'VE ALWAYS HATED SEAWEED

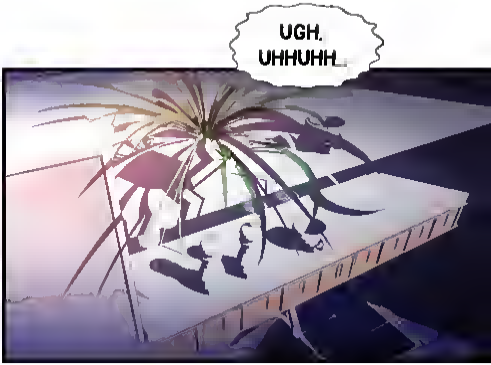
WAS IT MORE THAN JUST WANTING COMPLIMENTS?

WHY DO SOME PEOPLE SHINE BRIGHTER THAN OTHERS?

DION'T I WANT TO GET TO KNOW HER?

WHY'S EVERYONE INTIMIDATING ME?

AM I MORE INTERESTED IN SCIENCE THAN MATH?


UGH.
UHHUHH...

PROFESSOR...

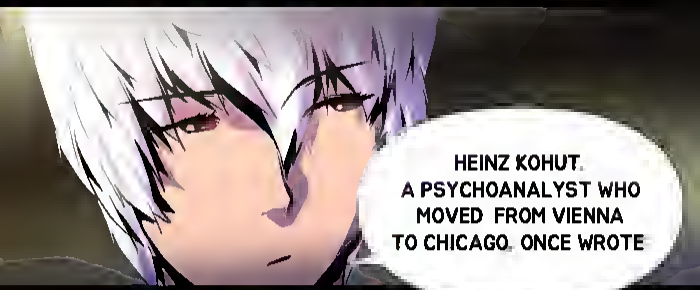
YOU DON'T WANNA END UP LIKE YOUR FATHER.

MR. OH

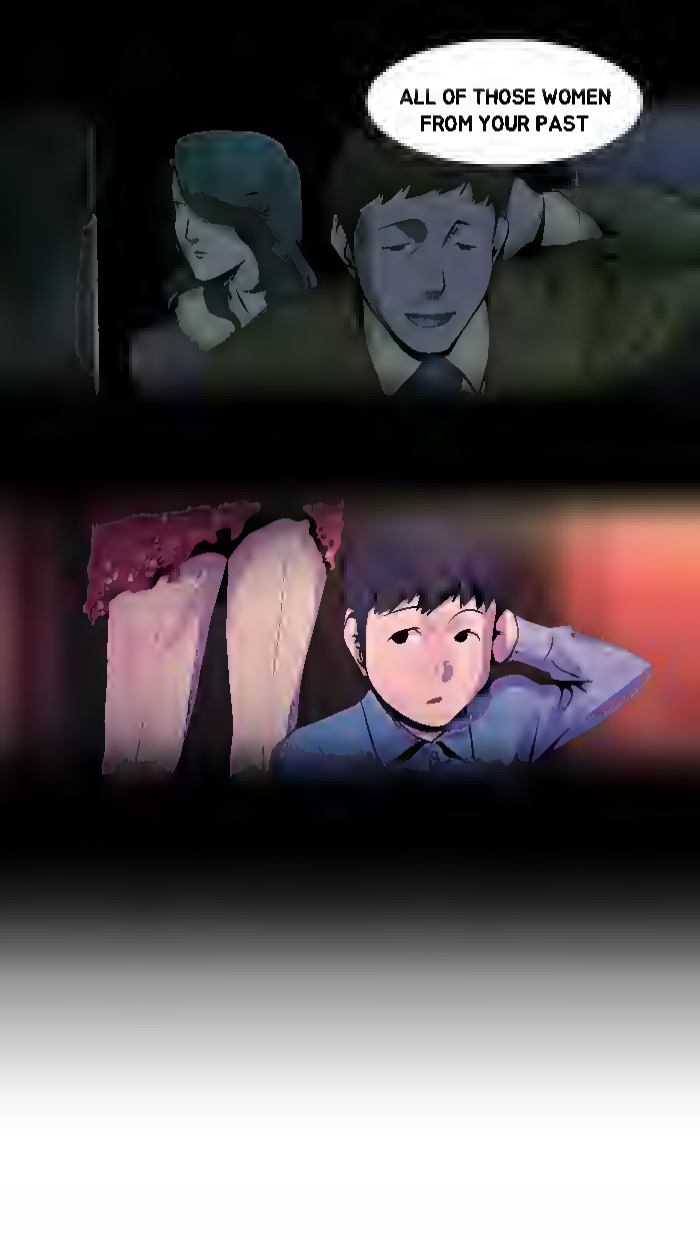
MOM-
MOM~?

YOU CONSTANTLY SEEK OTHER PEOPLE
TO REPLACE THAT MIRROR

WHAT...


HEINZ KOHUT.
A PSYCHOANALYST WHO
MOVED FROM VIENNA
TO CHICAGO. ONCE WROTE

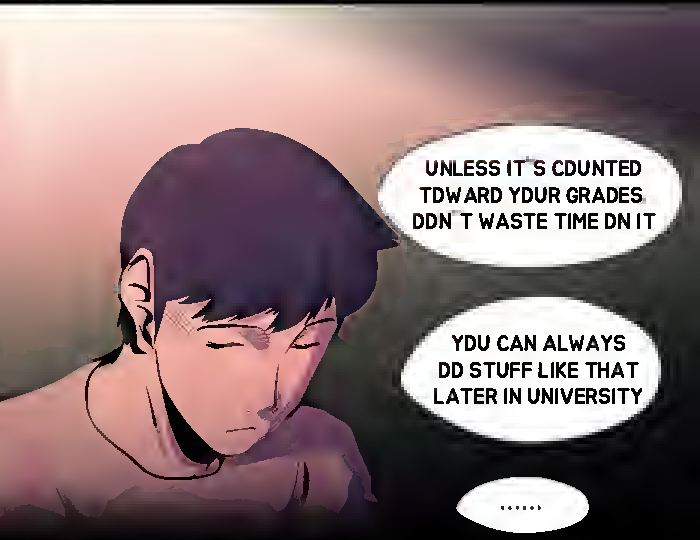
IT'S
JUST LIKE


ALL OF THOSE WOMEN
FROM YOUR PAST

H-HUH?

THE MIRROR, CALLED PARENTS, SHOULD
REFLECT THE CHILDREN JUST AS THEY ARE

WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER SUBJECTS?
I SPENT SO MUCH MONEY ON GETTING YOU MATH TUTORING. I'M NOT SURPRISED YOU DID WELL.
DO YOU WANNA DO TUTORING FOR THE OTHER SUBJECTS TOO?
I HEARD A PREP CLASS FOR HIGH SCHOOL JUST STARTED.



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BUT EVEN SINCE I WAS A CHILD I NEVER REALLY WANTED MUCH

THROUGH THE MIRROR
THE PARENTS
YOUNG CHILDREN
CREATE
THEIR SELF-IMAGE
AND COME TO KNOW
ABOUT THE WORLD

MOM. TODAY IN THE ART CLASS AT SCHOOL
THE TEACHER COMPLIMENTED ME!
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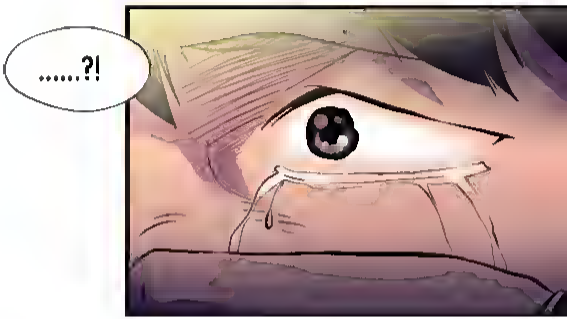
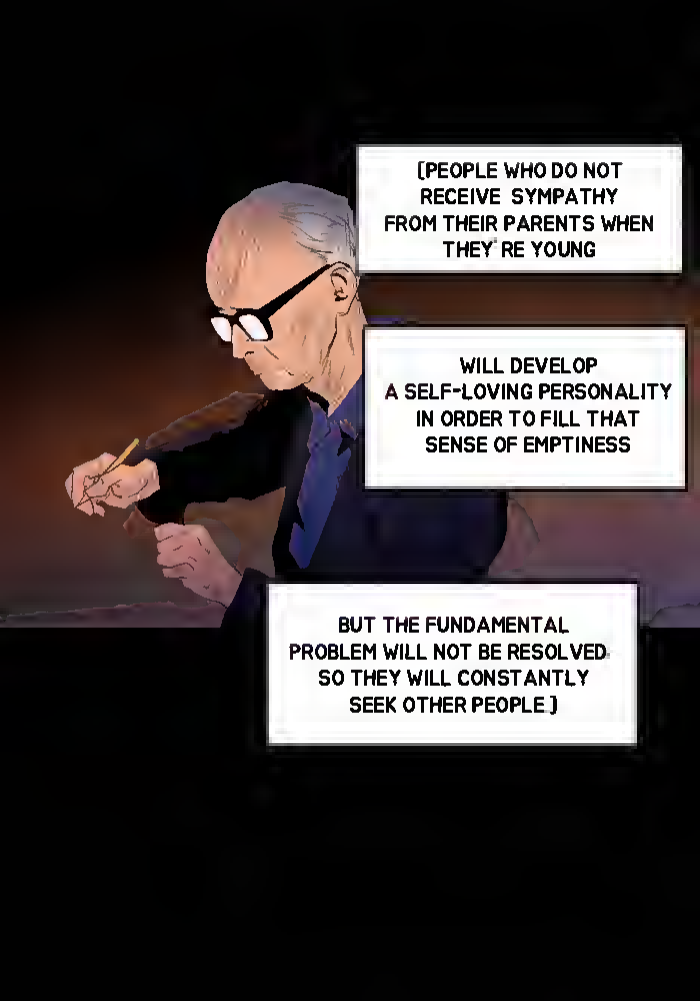


WHAT WAS I JUST WONDERING ABOUT?


[PEOPLE WHO DO NOT RECEIVE SYMPATHY FROM THEIR PARENTS WHEN THEY'RE YOUNG
WILL DEVELOP A SELF-LOVING PERSONALITY IN ORDER TO FILL THAT SENSE OF EMPTINESS
BUT THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM WILL NOT BE RESOLVED. SO THEY WILL CONSTANTLY SEEK OTHER PEOPLE.]